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Australia : facts

General information :

Australia is **the 6th largest** country in the world, it is **the flattest** and **the smallest** continent.

There are 25.7 million inhabitants in Australia.

The most populated city is Sydney but the capital city is Canberra.

Uluru :

Uluru is a sacred rock for the Aborigines, the first inhabitants in Australia. It is 350 kms high.

The Great Barrier Reef :

The Great Barrier Reef is in the North-East of Australia. It is **the largest** coral reef in the world ! Indeed (**en effet**), it is 2300 kms long.

History :

In the 1600s, Dutch (**néerlandais / hollandais**) explorers reached Australia but they didn't settle there.

In 1770, James Cook, who was a British explorer, landed there. Australia became a British colony.

Australia became independent in 1901.